# Lost & Found: Pictures that I Text to a Former Co-worker

*a heartwarming zine for these trying times*

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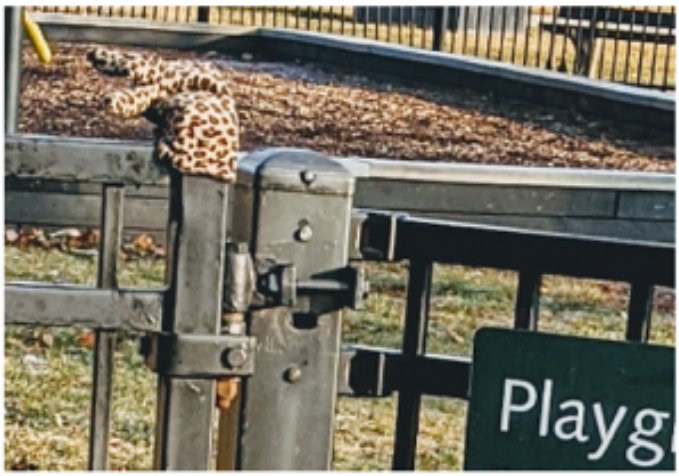
in collaboration with SK

Once upon a time, I worked at a place. I mean, whatever, lots of people have to work at lots of places. But there was a person at this job who was really cool and fun and nice (and also pretty, because you know that it important to me as I am profoundly a magpie who likes prettiness), and this person once told me that they love seeing lost mittens stuck up on fence posts, or lost hats atop benches, or lost keys hanging from a tree branch. It's a way for a stranger to say, "Hey, here, you lost this – I put it where you can see it when you come back looking for it. I have your back, stranger."

So now, because I can only ever overdo it or under-do it, I text SK every time I see a lost mitten (or shoe), and SK sends pictures to me. Here are a few Champaign / Chicago pictures for the poetry of it.

Commentary: Kind of someone to pick them up, and these are cute, but who buys a small child Ray Bans that they'll just throw out of the stroller?!

Another one in Chicago:




We have been sending these back and forth for years – a reminder that we can all look out for each other, and we often do.

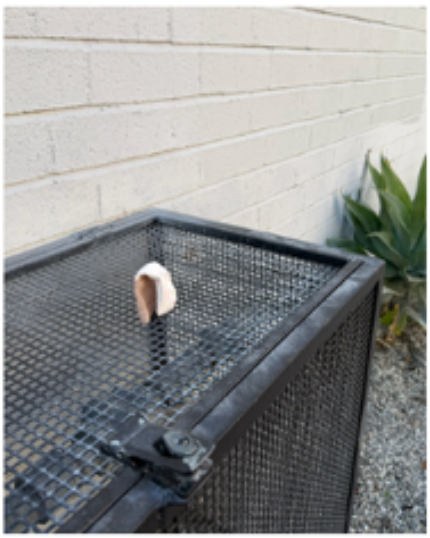
I forgot to send you this pic of a lone suede heel on the sidewalk... No idea of the backstory, but I need to know

Plus the curiosity component!

No matter the item, the hopeful friendly gesture gets me every time. Solidarity with parents whose kids lose their stuff all over the damn place all the time!

Nice! Oh yeah. I found this today on a walk!!!!
It was some kind of clear playing card

I can't decide if it's worse to lose 1/2 or 1/52...
either way, the rest of the set is useless!



(sock pic by SK)

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